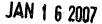
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The following amendments and remarks below are respectfully submitted in response to the Office Action dated November 14, 2006.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begin on page 2 of this paper.

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